

IN THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application. An identifier indicating the status of each claim is provided.

Listing of Claims

1. (Currently Amended) A portable communication apparatus comprising:

a display unit configured to display a plurality of lists in a hierarchy;

a pointer specifying one portion of information of one of the plurality of lists, and

a mark indicating a direction said pointer can be shifted;

an operation unit configured to be operated by a user;

a controller configured to shift said pointer to a desired position in accordance with an operation of said operation unit and to eliminate said mark indicating said direction if said pointer can not be shifted to another list in a different lair of the hierarchy~~a desired direction from a currently displayed list.~~
2. (Previously Presented) The portable communication apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said operation unit is a dial which is rotated by said user.
3. (Previously Presented) The portable communication apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said operation unit is a push key operated by said user.
4. (Cancelled)

5. (Previously Presented) The portable communication apparatus according to claim 1,

wherein said controller is configured to shift said pointer to said desired position in accordance with said operation of said operation unit and to eliminate said mark indicating an upper direction from the display unit when the screen of an upper hierarchy of the selected portion of information by said pointer is not displayed.

6. (Currently Amended) The portable communication apparatus according to claim 1, wherein

said controller is configured to shift said pointer to said desired position in accordance with said operation of said operation unit and to eliminate a mark indicating a lower direction from the display unit when the screen of a lower hierarchy of the selected ~~piece~~ portion of information by said pointer is not displayed.

7. (Previously Presented) The portable communication apparatus according to claim 1, further comprising:

a reproduction unit configured to reproduce audio data; and
said portion of the information is a title of a song.

8. (Previously Presented) The portable communication apparatus according to claim 1, further comprising:

an editing unit configured to edit the order of said portion of the information on said display unit.

9. (Previously Presented) The portable communication apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said controller is configured to shift said pointer to said desired position in accordance with said operation of said operation unit and to eliminate said mark indicating an upper direction from the display unit when the display unit displays a highest hierarchy of the information.

10. (Previously Presented) The portable communication apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said controller is configured to shift said pointer to said desired position in accordance with said operation of said operation unit and to eliminate said mark indicating a lower direction from the display unit when the display unit displays a lowest hierarchy of the information.

11. (Currently Amended) A display controlling method, the method comprising steps of:

- displaying a plurality of lists in a hierarchy;
- providing a pointer specifying one portion of information of one of the plurality of lists,
- providing a mark indicating a direction said pointer can be shifted on ~~the~~ a display;
- detecting that an operation unit is operated by a user;
- shifting said pointer to a desired position in accordance with an operation of said operation unit; and

eliminating said mark indicating said direction when said pointer can not be shifted to another list in a different lair of the hierarchy~~desired direction from a currently displayed list.~~

12. (Currently Amended) A portable communication apparatus comprising:
a display unit configured to display a plurality of lists in a hierarchy;
a pointer specifying one portion of information of one of the plurality of lists, and a mark indicating a direction said pointer can be shifted;
an operation portion configured to be operated by a user;
a controller configured to shift said pointer to a desired position in accordance with an operation of said operation ~~unit~~ portion and to eliminate said mark from the display unit if another list does not exist at the next position of said portion of information of a different lair of the hierarchy ~~currently displayed list~~ specified by said pointer in the direction which said mark indicates.

13 (Previously Presented) The portable communication apparatus according to claim 12, wherein said portable communication apparatus has four marks for indicating up, down, right and left directions;

said controller is configured to shift said pointer to a desired position and to eliminate at least one mark from the display unit when a portion of information does not exist at the next position of a portion of information specified by said pointer in the direction which one of said four marks indicates.

14. (Currently Amended) A display controlling method, the method comprising the steps of:

- displaying a plurality of lists in a hierarchy;
- providing a mark for specifying one portion of information of one of the plurality of lists;
- indicating a direction a pointer can be shifted on ~~the~~ a display;
- detecting an operation by a user;
- shifting said pointer to a desired position in accordance with an operation of ~~said~~ an operation unit; and
- eliminating said mark from the display when another list does not exist at the next position of said portion of information of a different lair of the hierarchy ~~currently displayed list~~ specified by said pointer in the direction in which said mark indicates.

15. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 14, further comprising:

- providing four marks indicating up, down, right and left directions;
- shifting said pointer to said desired position in accordance with said operation of said operation unit and to eliminate at least a mark from the display ~~unit~~ when a portion of information does not exist at the next position of a portion of information specified by said pointer in the direction which one of said four marks indicates.

16. (Cancelled)

17. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 14, further comprising:

shifting said pointer to said desired position in accordance with said operation;
and eliminating said mark indicating an upper direction from the display ~~unit~~ when the screen of an upper hierarchy of ~~the~~ a selected portion of the information by said pointer is not displayed.

18. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 14, further comprising:

shifting said pointer to said desired position in accordance with said operation;
and
eliminating said mark indicating a lower direction from the display ~~unit~~ when the screen of a lower hierarchy of ~~the~~ a selected piece of information by said pointer is not displayed.

19. (Original) The method according to claim 14, further comprising the step of:

editing the sequence of said portions of information on said display.

20. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 14, further comprising the step of:

configuring said controller to shift said pointer to said desired position in accordance with said operation of said operation ~~portion-unit~~ and to eliminate said mark indicating an upper direction from the display ~~unit~~ if the display ~~unit~~ displays a highest hierarchy of the information.

21. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 14, further comprising the step of:

configuring ~~said a~~ controller to shift said pointer to said desired position in accordance with said operation of said operation ~~portion-unit~~ and to eliminate said mark indicating a lower direction from the display ~~unit~~ if the display ~~unit~~ displays a lowest hierarchy of the information.

22. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 11, wherein said operation unit is a dial which is rotated by said user.

23. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 11, wherein said operation unit is a push key operated by said user.

24. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 11, wherein a controller is configured to shift said pointer to said desired position in accordance with said operation of said operation unit and to eliminate said mark indicating an upper direction from the display ~~unit~~ if the screen of an upper hierarchy of the selected portion of information by said pointer is not displayed.

25. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 11, wherein said controller is configured to shift said pointer to said desired position in accordance with said operation of said operation unit and to eliminate said mark indicating a lower direction from the

display ~~unit~~ when the screen of a lower hierarchy of the selected portion of information by said pointer is not displayed.

26. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 11, further comprising:

reproducing audio data; and

wherein said plurality of lists are a plurality of titles of songs.

27. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 11, further comprising:

editing the order of said plurality of lists on said display ~~unit~~.

28. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 11, wherein said ~~a~~ controller is configured to shift said pointer to said desired position in accordance with said operation of said operation unit and to eliminate said mark indicating an upper direction from the display ~~unit~~ if the display ~~unit~~ displays a highest hierarchy of the information.

29. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 11, wherein said ~~a~~ controller is configured to shift said pointer to said desired position in accordance with said operation of said operation unit and to eliminate said mark indicating a lower direction from the display ~~unit~~ if the display ~~unit~~ displays a lowest hierarchy of the information.

30. (Previously Presented) The apparatus according to claim 12, wherein said controller is configured to shift said pointer to said desired position in accordance with said operation; and

to eliminate said mark indicating an upper direction from the display unit when the screen of an upper hierarchy of the selected portion of information by said pointer is not displayed.

31. (Currently Amended) The apparatus according to claim 12, wherein said controller is configured to shift said pointer to said desired position in accordance with said operation; and

to eliminate said mark indicating a lower direction from the display unit when the screen of a lower hierarchy of the selected ~~piece~~portion of information by said pointer is not displayed.

32. (Previously Presented) The apparatus according to claim 12, further comprising an editor configured to edit the sequence of said portions of information on said display.

33. (Previously Presented) The apparatus according to claim 12, wherein said controller is configured to shift said pointer to said desired position in accordance with said operation of said operation portion and to eliminate said mark indicating an upper direction from the display unit when the display unit displays a highest hierarchy of the information.

34. (Previously Presented) The apparatus according to claim 12, wherein said controller is configured to shift said pointer to said desired position in accordance with said operation of said operation portion and to eliminate said mark indicating a lower direction from the display unit when the display unit displays a lowest hierarchy of the information.